


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2006 (BOS Mtg. 9/19/06)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 19, York County Code, Solid Waste, Garbage, and Weeds

ISSUE

At the June 6, 2006, and August 1, 2006, work sessions the staff briefed the Board regarding fund imbalances in the Waste Management Fund 21. Recent and unanticipated cost increases in fuel, amount of disposal tonnage, lower than expected revenues, and a projected higher than anticipated increase in recycling costs in FY08 were briefed to be contributing factors. The imbalance or deficits are projected to be \$285,000 in FY07 and \$650,000 in FY08.

The staff briefed the board on options to reduce services or eliminate programs. The Board informed staff that eliminating the leaf collection, yard debris, and recycling programs would not be acceptable to the majority of citizens in the County. As a result, the staff has proposed fee increases effective November 1, 2006, and an increase in the general fund contribution of \$150,000 effective July 1, 2007, to eliminate the imbalances or deficits. This fee increase will be the first increase since 1999.

In addition the staff proposes to reduce the waiting time between Yard Debris pickups from 90 days to 30 days at the increased reduced rate per pickup. The staff has found that the 90-day period between pickups at \$25 reduced the number of pickups well below capacity since very few citizens opted to pay the \$250 fee. The proposed pace has been in effect on a trial basis for this past summer season and current resources have been able to maintain the schedule with a minimum of one week backlog.

The following sections and description of the changes are as follows with detailed changes shown on the attached proposed ordinance:

1. Section 19-24: Increases in tipping fees and bill payment times.
2. Section 19-67: Clarify Yard Debris collection requirements and establish new times for subsequent pickups.
3. Section 19-73:
 - (a) Increase in general fees as briefed to the Board at the August 1st work session and shown as follows:

Service Fee Descriptions (bi-monthly)	Old fee	New Fee	Reduced Fee for Qualifying Residents under Section 19-78
Regular service fee	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$24.50
Low generator fee	\$20.00	\$24.50	\$22.00
Extra charge for those who elect backyard service < 150' drive- way (bi-monthly)	\$20.00	\$24.50	\$22.00
Extra charge for those who elect long driveway service > 150'	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$22.00
Extra charge for those who elect long driveway > 150' and back- yard service	\$44.00	\$54.00	\$44.00
Extra charge for additional containers	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$32.00

(b) Stipulates the effective date of November 1, 2006 for fee changes.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the proposed changes to Chapter 19 of the County Code by adopting proposed Ordinance No. 06-22.

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Attachment:

- Proposed Ordinance No. 06-22